

Bloomington Arts Commission
Wednesday, July 9, 2014 5pm
McCloskey Conference Room, City Hall

MINUTES

Present: Jan Grant, Paul Sturm, Peter Jacobi, Martina Celerin, Craig Widen, Sally Gaskill, Abby Henkel, Jean Kautt, Alain Barker

Absent: Lynn Schwartzburg, Francesca Sobrer

Ex Officio: Miah Michaelson, Adrian Starnes

Guests: Julie Hill, Gail Londregan

Call to order: Jan Grant at 5:02pm

Public Comment:

Julie Hill from the Commission on Aging invites BAC to their meeting August 12 at 4:30pm. Considering BAC's consulting opportunities. Please fill out the form, located on the BAC webpage

Approval of June Minutes

- Sally: Gail Londregan is a Guest, not Ex Officio
- Paul moves to approve, Craig seconds, all in favor

Treasurer's Report

- Hasn't been updated yet, so nothing to report.

Percentage for the Arts: Adrian Starnes

- A priority as listed in the Public Art Master Plan
- Critical issues
 - Eligibility for City projects
 - Not specific about who needs to comply and who must identify eligible projects
 - Revisions proposed
 - define "remodel"
 - include "purchase" in list of actions requiring participation
 - set minimum budget amount and maximum contribution
 - define individual responsible for identifying eligible projects
 - clause exempting projects whose funding restrictions don't allow for spending on art
 - Eligibility for private projects
 - Only applies to City capital projects
 - Revisions
 - include private projects
 - similar min. budget and max. contributions as City projects
 - 1% of total construction costs be contributed: same as City

- developer may work with BAC to plan artwork, or contribute funds to Municipal Art Fund
 - Planning and processes
 - BAC be more involved in planning process
 - include PAMP in criteria
- Good job, Adrian!
- BAC thoughts
 - different name for Asst Economic Development Dir for the Arts – not as specific, like senior arts staff
- next steps: send to Danise for revisions, then memo to Mayor's office

Christian Zabriskie sculpture

- Donation of sculpture to be placed on B-Line near Dodds
- Parks Board has approved
- Funded by donors; City will pay for soil removal up to \$2000 from Public Art Maintenance Fund
- BAC would be responsible for maintenance
- Peter moves to approve moving forward; Alain seconds. All in favor.
 - Miah will create a donation agreement

New BAC Programs

- Bring the arts to businesses
 - Benefits:
 - offers olive branch at the same time that we're asking for Percent for Art
 - asks the businesses what they want to do
 - art in the workplace has positive benefits
 - brings art into new spaces
 - Drawbacks:
 - requires a lot of work
 - This could be an official BAC program or just an initiative stimulated by BAC and encouraging orgs to participate in
 - next step: talk to Chamber to brainstorm
- Combine "bring the arts to businesses" with "call for proposals," based on what the community/businesses/artists want
 - Don't just ask people what they want, because they may not know how to answer
 - guide the conversation
- Who should be involved?
 - strictly a BAC grant program, or an alliance of several arts organizations?
- Staff to-do list for August meeting
 - ideas and suggestions based on what other cities have done

Indiana Arts Commission

- Alain has drafted a letter to send to Lewis Ricci in response to issues surrounding Regional Arts Partner
- Alain will send to BAC for review
 - Does BAC want to participate/advise further?

Staff Report

- Public Art
 - Transit: Dates for installation currently set for July 21.
 - Gateway Project: Final schematic drawings approved. Artist will begin fabrication.
 - 17th and Arlington: Crescent Bend Neighborhood Association has issued a Call to Artists for W. 17th and Arlington Road Roundabout artwork. Deadline for proposals is August 1, 2014. Commission will have opportunity to see artwork before selection is finalized.
 - Waldron Plaza: Ivy Tech received permission for encroachment from Board of Public Works. Evaluating submitted bids.
- BEAD
 - July Meeting: Monday, July 21, noon McCloskey Room, City Hall.
 - July Exhibit: Work by Drew Etienne.
- Other
 - On Monday, June 30 met with Mark Newman (state tourism) and Lewis Ricci (IAC) along with reps from Columbus and Nashville tourism and arts to discuss public art collaboration along SR 46.
 - Meeting with reps from Foundation, Ivy Tech and BCT to discuss the future of the Region 8 partnership, Monday, July 14.
 - Spaces still open for Elaine Luttrull Workshop.
 - Two new art spaces opening: Gather in Fountain Square Mall, and blueline moving to W. 4th Street next to Cherry Canary.

Thanks Adrian!!! Good luck with school and your future.